

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of:

Welch, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2814

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Examiner: DiLinh Nguyen

Docket No. 10991989-1

For: **A METHOD OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION WITH PORT ALIGNMENT AND TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A COMMON AREA**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 28, 2003 (Paper No. 18), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

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